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SUBJECT: THE PROTESTS CONTINUE

1. SUMMARY: PROTEST RALLIES, CALLS FOR ACTION BY WORLD JEWRY AND PLANS TO CONVENE "WORLD JEWISH SUMMIT" ON NOVEMBER 27 ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONTINUING ISRAELI FOCUS ON UNGA ADOPTION OF ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION. COMMENTATORS EXPRESS PESSIMISM ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE RESULTS THAT CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THESE INITIATIVES AND QUESTION WHETHER EITHER ADMINISTRATION OR CONGRESS WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST STATES WHICH CONDEMNED ZIONISM. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A NOV 12 ADDRESS TO THE CLOSING SESSION OF HISTADRUT SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE, PM RABIN CALLED THE UN RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM "THE GREATEST TRAVESTY THAT HUMANITY HAS EVER KNOWN." RABIN SAID THAT THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UN WERE INTENDED TO OPERATE AGAINST THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. RABIN ALSO DISCUSSED THE INTERIM AGREEMENT AND ENUMERATED ITS ACHIEVEMENTS (SEPTTEL). AT THE SAME MEETING, SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL SAID THAT HISTADRUT WOULD CALL UPON

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ORGANIZATIONS BELONGING TO THE FREE UNION MOVEMENT TO

PROTEST AGAINST THE UN RESOLUTION AND THAT PLANS WOULD BE MADE TO INVITE THEIR LEADERSHIP TO ISRAEL IN A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE CONVENED SHORTLY TO DECIDE ON A COURSE OF ACTION THROUGH WHICH UNION ORGANIZATIONS COULD INFLUENCE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO ACT AGAINST THE UN RESOLUTION.

3. RABIN AND ARYE DULZIN, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF WZO JEWISH AGENCY, HAVE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CONVENE A "JEWISH" SUMMIT MEETING" ON NOVEMBER 27 IN JERUSALEM WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF 100 TOP JEWISH LEADERS FROM ABROAD. AIM OF MEETING WILL BE TO REAFFIRM WORLD JEWRY'S SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL AND TO MAP OUT A WORLD-WIDE INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF ZIONISM.

4. PROMINENT ISRAELIS HAVE ADDRESSED PROTEST RALLIES IN MAJOR CITIES, AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY AND AT BEN GURION UNIVERSITY IN BEERSHEBA. MAJOR RALLIES ARE TAKING PLACE TODAY, WITH GOLDA MEIR AND TEL AVIV MAYOR LAHAT SPEAKING IN TEL AVIV AND MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK AND SHMUEL TAMIR, MK, ADDRESSING SIMILAR EVENT IN JERUSALEM. THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER IS DISTRIBUTING 500,000 TAGS BEARING THE PHRASE "I AM A ZIONIST" AND SIMILAR BUMPER STICKERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED NEXT WEEK AS PART OF A WIDESPREAD "INFORMATION CAMPAIGN". OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED IN DECISIONS TAKEN BY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES TO REDEDICATE STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES NOW NAMED IN HONOR OF THE UN. PICKETS DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSIES OF COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED TO SUPPORT THE UN RESOLUTION.

5. EDITORIALS EXHORT ISRAELI PUBLIC AND WORLD JEWRY TO MOVE BEYOND VERBAL PROTEST TO CONCRETE ACTION. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM, HOWEVER, THAT INTENSIFIED EFFORTS BY EITHER ISRAEL OR ORGANIZED JEWRY WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON UN OR WESTERN NATIONS. COMMENTATORS NOTE THAT USG WILL BE RELUCTANT TO JEOPARDIZE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS BY TAKING PUNITIVE MEASURES SUCH AS HOLDING UP OR REDUCING PROPOSED AID TO EGYPT.
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